



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

WHEREAS, Homeownership is defined as an individual owning a home in which they live, allowing them to become a permanent member of the community and having an investment to pass down to future generations; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County Housing Services, as part of the Sumter County Economic Development Division, offers programs to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities to residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County Housing Services encourages homeownership and promotes the accessibility of quality housing as a vital aspect of maintaining a strong, stable community; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County Housing Services partners with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (UF/IFAS) to offer homebuyer/ homeowner educational programs which give participants the tools and information that can improve their financial future; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County Housing Services is supportive of local community housing partners such as Homes In Partnership and Habitat for Humanity, who plays a critical role in strengthening families by building wealth, constructing affordable housing communities and creating a pathway to self-sufficiency, and improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County Housing Services collaborates with financial institutions, real estate professionals, businesses, and others to enhance a commitment to successful communal actions to increase the prospects of ensuring housing obtainability.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida hereby proclaims:

The Month of June 2023, as:

NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of May 2023, Sumter County, Florida.

Attest:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY**

Deputy Clerk

**Craig A. Estep
Chairman**